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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Kathryn M. Cummings** (NC60022681) and placed conditions against her registration. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Benton County

In March 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Chris Michael Dauenhauer** (RC60076487) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of resisting arrest and supplying liquor to a minor. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Chelan County

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse and advanced registered nurse practitioner **Deborah S. Rehberg** (RN00103458, AP30005778) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include prescribing large amounts of narcotics to patients even though the patients had a history of or showed signs of addiction, diagnosing and treating without medical diagnostic testing, borrowing drugs from her patients for personal use, and crossing professional boundaries with patients.

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Clark County

In April 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program denied the application of **Heather R. Davis** (HC00156220). She was convicted of theft and failed to disclose the conviction on her application.

King County

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission released the license of licensed practical nurse **Michelle M. Booth** (LP00048061) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Debi R. Eisenbeis** (LP00039255) with inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Kennith Wayne Fowler** (RC60039940) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of criminal trespassing on more than one occasion, promoting prostitution, assault, driving while license suspended, and possession of cocaine and delivery of cocaine on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs reinstated the credentials of **Terry W. Hake** (RC00018376, CP00003479) and placed them on probation for three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

In April 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **John N. K. Hsiang** (MD00035032) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly performed a wrong-level surgery on a patient's spine and failed to inform the patient of the error.

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs reinstated the credentials of **Mark David Johnson** (RC00011089, CP00003035) and placed them on probation for one year. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his credentials.

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Tiffany M. McCloud** (LP00057546) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

In April 2009 the Chiropractic Commission terminated the order of probation against chiropractor **Maagnus Morgan** (CH00002170).

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Helen L. Smith** (RC60042606) and placed conditions against her registration. She was convicted of possession of a firearm, two counts of assault – domestic violence, theft, and possession of cocaine on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

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Kitsap County

In April 2009 the Health Care Assistant and Radiological Technologist Programs terminated the order of probation against **Carl R. Dorsey** (HC00005371, RT00001211).

Mason County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Bryan W. Parkhurst** (RC00053891).

Pierce County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Richard L. Bingham** (RC60077011) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of criminal assault – domestic violence on more than one occasion. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In April 2009 the Board of Optometry released **Terrance T. Clark** (OD00001204) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In April 2009 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **James A. Devine** (CH00002518) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor and Hypnotherapist Programs charged **David E. Eskelin** (RC00021812, HP10001642) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly had a sexual relationship with a client and practiced with an expired license.

In March 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Mark R. Johnson** (NC60021255). While working as a registered nursing assistant, he failed to use a gait belt on a patient's wheel walker as required by the care plan. The patient was injured as a result.

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Linell M. Jones** (RN00056013) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from her place of employment for her own use, and tested positive during drug screen tests.

In April 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Carlos Mascarenas** (VB00071266) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly diverted controlled substances from his place of employment for his own use, and distributed controlled substances to a client through "passing" and "price modification".

In April 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Amy Pond** (PH00020019) and pharmacy **Victoria Pharmacy Inc. d/b/a Mega Pharmacy** (CF00002783) with unprofessional conduct. Amy Pond, the owner and manager of the pharmacy, allegedly filled and dispensed

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invalid prescriptions for controlled substances from an Internet service. The actions were taken for the benefit of the respondents.

Snohomish County

In April 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Teresita M. Morse** (NA00105291).

In April 2009 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order with chiropractor **Matthew D'Alton Nash** (CH00003646) to monitor his practice for two years. He failed to keep adequate documentation of patient treatment. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Spokane County

In April 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs released **Scott Davis** (RC00046734, CP00005061) from terms and conditions set against his registration and license.

Thurston County

In April 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Beatrice E. Safford** (LP00044634) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

Out of State

Montana: In April 2009 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order with chiropractor **Philip F. Aumann** (CH00002040). He failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license. He must comply with new terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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